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Monitoring of Major Projects
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of major projects including infrastructure projects monitored by the Ministry, State/UT-wise were along with the funds allocated/released/spent on these projects during each of the last three years;
(b) whether the Government has chalked out the completion scheduled of these projects and if so, the details and the status thereof;
(c) whether several projects in various States are running behind the schedule resulting into cost/time-overruns and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
(d) the measures taken by the Government to avoid the cost/time- overrun of these projects; and
(e) the reasons for unspent allocation, if any, during the same period along with the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION [SHRI D.V. SADANANDA GOWDA]

(a): Government through the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation monitors on-going central sector infrastructure projects costing Rs. 150 crores and above on time and cost overruns through its online computerized monitoring system (OCMS) on the basis of information provided by the project implementation agencies. As on 31st December 2016, 1186 projects costing Rs. 150 crores and above were on the monitor of this ministry. State-wise number of central sector projects along with cumulative expenditure for the last three years are at Annexure. Funds for these projects are not allocated State/UT wise.

(b): The responsibility of actual implementation of these projects lies with the nodal Administrative Ministries / project implementation agencies. As soon as the project is approved by the competent authority, concerned project implementing agencies/ Administrative Ministries furnish the basic information including completion schedules on the OCMS of this Ministry. The detail of ongoing projects along with their completion schedules is available in the Flash Report for the month of December 2016 at www.cspm.gov.in/publication.

(c) to (e) : Of these 1186 projects, 94 projects are delayed and showing cost overruns. The detail of these projects is available in Annexure - VII of the Flash Report for the month of December 2016 at www.cspm.gov.in/publication. The reasons for delay are project-specific. However, as reported by the project implementing agencies, the main reasons for delay in timely completion of the projects are law and order problems, delay in land acquisition, geological conditions, delay in environment and forest clearances, rehabilitation and resettlement issues, local body / municipal permissions, utility shifting, contractual issues, etc. These reasons at times also result in non-utilisation of funds allocation in full in respect of some of the projects.

The major steps undertaken to ensure timely completion of projects include: rigorous project appraisal; on line computerized monitoring system (OCMS) for better monitoring; setting up of standing committees in the Ministries for fixation of responsibilities; and setting up of Central Sector Project Coordination Committees (CSPCCs) in states under Chief Secretaries for removal of bottlenecks and for facilitating and speedy implementation of major projects.